

January 08, 2019
Board Meeting

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish, Louisiana was held in the Nature Center building, located in the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Area, Benton, Louisiana on the above date with the following:

Present: Walter Bigby, Alan Warren, Gary Wyche, Jerry Fowler and Robert Berry

Absent: None

Also Present: Chelle Carroll, Jennynne Pinter, Alex Vozella, Kelly Kruithof, Bruce Easterly, Jody and Sherri Backus, Bruce and Brenda Arnold, Charlie Keene, Andrew and Shirley Smith, Ed Cooper, and Stacy Spohn.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Wyche. Roll call was made by Chelle Carroll.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bigby. The prayer was given by Mr. Warren.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 12-11-2018 Monthly Board Meeting was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Nature Center Report: Read by Kelly Kruithof

Total number impacted by Cypress Nature Study Center ____615____.

Mr. Wilton Corley returned his wood carvings to the Nature Center. He stated this is where they belonged.

Ms. Kruithof will be cleaning and organizing throughout this month while there are no field trips.

Director's Report: Given by Robert Berry

- Explained that a change in the insurance carrier for the District is what prompted requiring a lease to be signed for structures on Black Bayou.
- Tax millage revenues were less than expected.
- The lakes were closed for the second time due to high water levels.

Old Business:

- David and Renee Hall Property
 - The Hall party was not represented.

A motion to reserve the Hall matter for discussion in executive session was made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

New Business:

- The annual audit engagement letter from the offices of Cook and Morehart was presented to the Board for approval.
- The engagement letter for the office of Mark Ford was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made to give Mr. Berry the authority to sign both letters of engagement by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Bigby. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren to enter into executive session. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to enter back into the regular meeting was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Fowler. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Bigby and seconded by Mr. Warren to adjourn the meeting. Public comment was requested with none received. The vote was unanimously carried.

Gary Wyche, President

Alan Warren, Vice-President